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PROJECT PROPOSAL

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SUBJECT

GM on French Somaliland

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STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

Sometime late this spring the voters of French Somaliland will choose either to separate completely from France and establish their own government or to remain under French sovereignty. The possibility of independence for this thinly populated area, whose chief export is water, poses several threats to regional stability. Ethiopia's only rail outlet to the sea is at stake; on the other hand, Ethiopia's interest in the railroad and the port of Djibouti is in conflict with the Somali Republic's desire to extend sovereignty to include all Somali people. French security interests in the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean might suffer if the airfield and port at Djibouti fall into unfriendly hands. Finally, a dispute over French Somaliland might indirectly involve the US and the USSR because of their respective interests in Ethiopia and Somalia.

In view of the upcoming referendum, the impending visit of Haile Selassie to Washington, and a forthcoming NIE, "Implications for the US and the West of Tensions in the Horn of Africa," a GM on French Somaliland would appear to be desirable at this time. The study, which we have discussed briefly with ONE, will outline the physical and cultural aspects of the territory which bear on the current threat including the resource base, the ethnic complexities, the economic implications of independence, and the activities of the neighboring countries and France.

COORDINATION REQUIRED FROM

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Schedule

20 Jan 67 In Room
27 Jan "Some writing may start, etc much
6 Feb Contacted CD about maps and layout
1 Mar Final Text to Rep for Linotype
6 Mar Linotype text to Cartoy
8 Mar Linotype Text + Maps to Rep for
15 Mar Dissemination

10 Feb 67 - Draft in writing - on schedule
17 Feb Draft being typed; to Dir Rev a Mon
20 Feb Dir Review completed; minor revisions in process.
24 Feb Text in editing; Map in CD
6 Mar In prep for book Thursday
9 Mar Dissemination

Can it be checked out
between noon & 3 o'clock time
to leave CD. necessary
at 11:30 to go on 4 o'clock
draft of final text.

24-26 Feb

1 Linotype to reproduction
3 Linotype text + Map to CD
8 Mar Dissemination

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Anything a typist can read to type
from, a linotype operator can read also!

PD should attend the planning meeting
to help set up the schedule

As soon as edited & coordinated PD can get
linotype - (1 1/2 days for 3 proofs)